

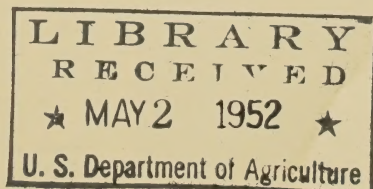


TETRAPLOID LONGIFLORUM, a new introduction by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This is one of three clones released in 1958. See the next page for description

Fine Lilies and Lilacs

STRAWBERRY HILL NURSERY.
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What is New at Strawberry Hill

We feel that our customers are interested in what we are doing at Strawberry Hill. No specialty nursery, we are sure, could ask for a more staunchly loyal clientele. Our forward order book carries numerous requests for items which are still in propagation or which we are testing and are yet to introduce.

The discriminating group of private gardeners and leading horticultural institutions here and abroad who year after year order from our lists clearly have confidence that what we offer is of the highest quality—and if it is new, it is outstanding in its class and a valuable addition to their plantings.

It is therefore not out of place for us to tell our friends in the opening pages of our 1958 Catalogue something about the truly superlative novelties which we are able to offer for the first time—or the novelties of last year which were well received and which we can continue to offer—or the return to our lists of fine specialties of which we were unfortunately sold out in 1957.

This year we take great pleasure in introducing three new lily strains which are being made available anywhere for the first time. We are confident these have no superiors in their class—and possibly no equals. We believe they are destined to find a secure place in gardens everywhere.

THE TETRAPLOID LONGIFLORUMS



One of Several of the Tetraploid Longiflorum Clones

We are privileged to be one of the co-operators with the U. S. Dept. of Agric. in their release of three new tetraploid varieties of *L. longiflorum* and to be able to make them available to our customers this year, although in limited quantity. Tetraploidy which involves a doubling of the chromosomes of the cells of the plant has produced magnificent results in the case of these new lilies which have been selectively bred over several generations. The flowers are larger, in some cases up to 7" long, with an open spread almost equal to the length. The petals are thick, closely resembling white kid, and the foliage has good substance. They bloom in July and have proved hardy at -20° . Tested last year at Strawberry Hill, we found them one of the most impressive new introductions of recent years. See Page 6.

MARTHA MEARS' AURELIANS



A Trumpet Form of Mrs. Mears' Aurelianense

Mrs. William T. Mears of Anderson, Indiana, has spent the last ten years working with a variety of aurelianense and seedlings of the T. A. Havemeyer strain, carefully selecting parentage clones for further breeding each season. The results she has achieved in securing purer cream and yellow colorings and eliminating orange tints, in more vigorous plants with large and finer inflorescence, in elegance and port of the individual flowers have been very striking.

Two years in succession her exhibits of these very desirable lilies have won the Directors' Trophy of the North American Lily Society as well as numerous blue ribbons. We are proud to have been designated by Martha Mears as sole commercial distributors for her introductions. The clones we are offering this season will be personally selected by her from several hundred plants and will be various types of the trumpet and sunburst form. Descriptions and prices will be found on Page 6 of the catalogue.

THE CARMEL AURATUMS



Eric Mayell, the distinguished California lily specialist, has been working several years on developing a vigorous strain of auratums, principally of the *platyphylum* type. His aim has been not only to produce handsome plants and beautiful flowers, but a strain that is much more

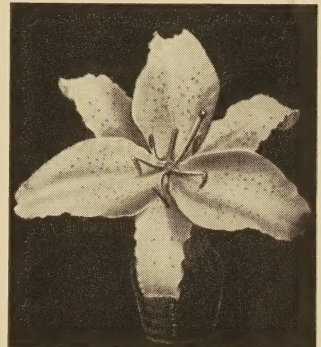
receptive to American garden conditions than the auratums which are generally available here. We have tested his bulbs at Strawberry Hill and have had them tested in other gardens. The general verdict is that they are very good.

Mr. Mayell describes his auratums as follows: "The Carmel Auratums are a seedling strain grown in the sandy loam of the Carmel River Valley under the cool coastal temperatures of central California. As the plants bloom in their third year from seed, selection and crossing of the most vigorous types is a comparatively rapid process. Besides vigour, selection has been for a free flowering plant of medium height, blooming in the Carmel Valley in mid-July. Coloring includes some striking reds. As botrytis is unknown here and the daily land and sea breezes keep aphids to a minimum, the strain is exceptionally healthy."

We are gratified to be the sole commercial outlet for the Carmel Auratums. Sizes and prices of the bulbs on Page 5.

PFEIFFER HYBRIDS ARE AGAIN AVAILABLE

We are very pleased to resume distribution of these outstanding lilies which were so well received when we first offered them in 1955 and 1956. Dr. Norma E. Pfeiffer's *L. auratum* x *L. rubellum* and *L. auratum* x *L. japonicum* crosses have won many of the outstanding horticultural awards and have found their place in fine gardens. They run from virginale whites to deep pinks and have a wide range of shapes, sizes, fragrance and time of flowering. The blooms vary in size from 3" across, to perianths of nearly 12", on stems from 18" to 5', and their season is from the middle of June to the end of August. Our offer this year is of flowering size seedlings from carefully controlled crosses made by Dr. Pfeiffer and grown at Strawberry Hill. Varieties and prices on Page 4.



Pfeiffer Hybrid
A White, Lightly Maculated

OUR HARDY CAMELLIAS

When last year we first listed a selection of cold-tolerant *japonica* camellias we hardly expected the enthusiastic reception they would have. In fact, it was so enthusiastic that our fairly large stock was depleted to the point where hardly more than sufficient plants were left for propagation purposes. However, we have pressed on with propagation and will

fill orders this year to the limit of the available supply. But we would ask individual customers not to order more than two plants at this time. We hope by 1959 to catch up with the demand.

We believe this group of camellias can withstand winters out of doors as far north as Philadelphia without special protection. They were selected and de-



veloped by Dr. P. W. Zimmerman of the Boyce Thompson Institute of Plant Research at Yonkers, N. Y., where they were grown out of doors with no more protection than a light mulch of salt hay and the lee of a building.

If you live where extremely low temperatures prevail, we suggest setting the plants out of doors in spring or summer, transferring the pots indoors in September or October.

Plants are shipped between June 1 and July 15, bare-root, protected by moist sphagnum in polyethylene envelopes. From these they can be transferred to clay pots or planted in the open ground. With each plant there are supplied without charge enough of our own special camellia fertilizer for one year and detailed cultural directions.

We offer the following choice varieties:

DIXIE A full double small flower, light pink in color.

KUMASAKA (Lady Marion) Large double pink flower which opens fully to reveal the stamens.

PAGE Small, semi-double pink flower.

Prices postpaid: 6-12" plants \$4.00; 12-18" \$5.00; 18-24" \$6.00.

Camellia fertilizer \$1.00 per pound.

A NOVELTY LILAC

Time alone tells whether a new lilac is good. That's why even an obviously excellent new lilac variety is called a "novelty" for many years. **ROYALTY**, a late variety, a species hybrid and a

single of the most brilliant purple, is such a novelty. We are listing it for the first time after growing it at Strawberry Hill many seasons. Lilac list, Page 10, and **ROYALTY** is on Page 13.

PEONIES OF QUALITY

Many a gardener has received peony divisions somewhat dried out and rather small in size, although having the 3 to 5 eyes which are considered the minimum requirement for a plant which will come into full bloom more quickly. In many cases it becomes something of a problem to carry such divisions on to good maturity in under four years or more. Usually such divisions have been tailored to meet the requirements of large scale production at low cost per unit.

We have a fairly large peony planting at Strawberry Hill under conditions of field culture in a rich, moderately heavy sandy loam in which they make strong and sound growth. When a clump has become large enough, it is lifted and divided, and the strongest and best divisions, frequently having more than 5 eyes, are the ones which are shipped to customers. Such divisions offer the best guarantee that within two, or at most three, years the new plants will come to full flowering capacity.



Sarah Bernhardt, a Peony of Lasting Worth

We continue our Special Peony Offer of previous years this year. (See Page 14.) At the same time we are making an initial offer of individual, labelled and named varieties, comprising a small, select group of herbaceous peonies of the highest rating. But whether it's the unlabelled plants or the individually labelled plants, you will receive only first class divisions of unquestioned quality, immediately on being dug in September, carefully packed in sphagnum moss. For complete listing see Page 14.

Lily Bulbs and Seed

L. AMABILE

3 for \$2.50; 6 for \$4.75; 12 for \$9.25. A handsome red turkscape from Korea. July; 18"-3'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. AMABILE LUTEUM

1 for \$1.10; 3 for \$3.00; 6 for \$5.75; 12 for \$11.25. The flower is an attractive yellow. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. AURATUM PLATYPHYLLUM

1 for \$1.35; 3 for \$3.85; 6 for \$7.50; 12 for \$14.80. The gold-banded lily of Japan. Aug.; 4'. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt. Auratum seed from the New Zealand auratum specialist, L. Tuffery, \$2.00 per pkt.*

L. AURELIANENSE GOLDEN TRUMPETS*

Each \$3.50. These are the fine yellow trumpets developed by Mr. Carl Yerex of Oregon. Aug.; 4-5'.

L. BIG RED*

\$2.50 each. A truly striking lily propagated from a clone sent us by Mr. Tuffery of New Zealand. It has very large, bright red, reflexed flowers facing upward and outward, on stout stems. July; 4'. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

L. BROCADE*

Small bulbs 1 for \$2.00; 3 for \$5.75; 6 for \$11.25; 12 for \$22.00. Large bulbs \$3.25 each. One of the Backhouse Hybrids, a cross of L. MARTAGON x L. HANSONII, tightly reflexed little flowers of yellow and pink in handsome crowns. June; 3-4'. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

L. BROWNII

Flowering size bulbs \$3.50. An early blooming, very appealing white trumpet from Asia. June-July; 3-4'.

L. CANDIDUM

The historic Madonna Lily, pure white, semi-trumpet with golden pollen and a delicate perfume. June; 4'. These lilies should be planted in August or September. We do, however, keep a supply of the bulbs in our cool store until Oct. 15.

Candidum (type) 3 for \$2.25; 6 for \$4.30; 12 for \$8.40. Large bulbs \$1.00 each.

Salonikae \$1.10 each. Originally collected in Greece, we believe this variety the finest of the species in commerce. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

L. CERNUUM

\$1.65 each. An appealing lavender pink little lily from Manchuria, flowers reflexed. July; 1-3'.

L. CHALCEDONICUM MACULATUM

Each \$4.75. The heavily spotted, scarlet turkscape, habitat Greece. July; 3-4'.

L. CORONATION*

Flowering size bulbs \$1.25 each. A highly desirable yellow turkscape. June-July; 3'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. DALHANSONII*

Flowering size bulbs 1 for \$2.95; 3 for \$8.60; 6 for \$17.00; 12 for \$33.80. Large bulbs \$3.75 each. A reddish maroon L. MARTAGON x HANSONII hybrid of great vigor and beauty. June-July; 4'. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

L. DAURICUM

3 for \$1.50; 6 for \$2.80; 12 for \$5.25. An early lily; cup-shaped, apricot. May; 2½'. *Seed \$.50 per pkt.*

L. DAURICUM WILSONII

Ea. \$1.10. Glossy orange flowers. Aug.; 3'.

L. DAVIDII

A fine orangey red turkscape, a beginner's must, yet the delight of the fancier. June-July; 3-4'.

Unicolor 3 for \$2.75; 6 for \$5.25; 12 for \$10.25. Somewhat lighter in color, almost unspotted. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

Willmottiae 3 for \$1.20; 6 for \$2.15; 12 for \$4.00. Darker in color and heavily spotted. *Seed \$.50 per pkt.*

Our Lily Specialties

DR. PFEIFFER'S LILIES

L. PFEIFFER HYBRIDS*

(See Page 2)

Flowering size bulbs: White with maculation \$6.00 each. Virginalae \$6.50 each. Pinks \$7.50 each. *Seed \$2.50 per pkt.*

L. MARTAGON x HANSONII*

Large bulbs 1 for \$3.50; 3 for \$10.25; 6 for \$20.00; 12 for \$39.00. Attractive shades of gold, with petal reverses of delicate pink. June-July; 5'. *Seed \$1.75 per pkt.*

L. FIRE KING*

1 for \$1.10; 3 for \$3.00; 6 for \$5.85; 12 for \$11.50. A brilliant red, reflexed English hybrid, a heavy bloomer. June; 3½'. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

L. FORMOSANUM

Each \$.85. A white trumpet lily, delicately perfumed, from Formosa, of easy culture. Very prolific. Aug-Sept.; 2½'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. GOLDCREST*

Each \$2.00. A highly desirable Canadian hybrid which multiplies rapidly and whose spidery golden flowers are early. May-June; 3'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. GREEN MT. HYBRIDS*

Flowering size 3 for \$2.25; 6 for \$4.25; 12 for \$8.25. Very large bulbs \$1.25 each. A large white, elegant trumpet. July; 6'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. HANSONII

1 for \$1.25; 3 for \$3.50; 6 for \$6.50; 12 for \$12.50. A handsome, tightly reflexed yellow flower of thick texture, with small purple marking; likes slight shade. June; 4'.

L. HENRYI

Asiatic turkscap of yellow to orange, very floriferous and tall growing. Aug.; 7'.

Henryi (type) 3 for \$1.65; 6 for \$3.15; 12 for \$6.00. Orange with green nectaries. Give it slight shade. *Seed \$.50 per pkt.*

Citrinum Each \$3.00. A clear lemon yellow. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

Erecta Each \$1.00. A stiffer stem and much erecter bearing than the type, and flowers clearer colored. Extremely sturdy. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. JAPONICUM

Each \$1.95. The fuchsia pink, flaring trumpet lily of Japan. Likes access to running water. June; 2½'.

Our Lily Specialties

ERIC MAYELL'S CARMEL AURATUMS

For description of this fine strain of auratums see Page 2.

Flowering size bulbs \$2.50 each. Large bulbs \$4.75 each.

L. MARHAN*

Flowering size 1 for \$2.95; 3 for \$8.60; 6 for \$17.00; 12 for \$33.00. Large bulbs \$3.75 each. One of the best L. MARTAGON x L. HANSONII hybrids. Tightly reflexed flowers of orangey hue, finely spotted. June; 6'. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

Our Lily Specialties

ALIDA LIVINGSTON'S LILIES

We are happy to be able to continue to offer a selection of lilies from the gardens of this internationally known amateur.

L. AURATUM PLATYPHYLLUM

Flowering size bulbs \$2.50 each. Large bulbs \$5.00 each. The plant is impressive for size and the quality of its inflorescence. Aug.; 4-6'. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

L. SPECIOSUM RUBRUM

\$1.75 each. One of the most desirable selections of the species, with large, crimson reflexed flowers. Aug.; 6'. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

L. TSINGTAUENSE

\$1.50 each. An angular shaped, semi-reflexed, brilliant orange red lily from Asia. June-July; 4'. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

L. MARTAGON

The lavender European turkscap. June-July; 3'. 1 for \$2.25; 3 for \$6.50; 6 for \$12.50; 12 for \$24.00. *Seed gathered in the wild in Austria by the German specialist Carl Feldmaier, from many of the darker varieties, \$1.50 per pkt.*

L. MARTAGON ALBUM

1 for \$1.85; 3 for \$5.20; 6 for \$10.00; 12 for \$19.50. A most attractive tiny, white turkscap.

L. MRS. R. O. BACKHOUSE*

1 for \$2.75; 3 for \$8.00; 6 for \$15.75; 12 for \$31.00. The great L. MARTAGON x HANSONII hybrid; yellow, pink flushed and purple spotted. June; 6'. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

L. PARKMANNI JILLIAN WALLACE*

Flowering size \$5.50. This L. SPECIOSUM x L. AURATUM hybrid has had world acclaim for its vivid red, flat, flaring flower. Aug.; 5'. *Seed \$1.75 per pkt.*

Our Lily Specialties

MARTHA MEARS' AURELIANS

(For description see Page 1)

Cream colored trumpets \$4.50 each. Yellow trumpets \$5.00 each. Sunburst type \$5.50 each.

Mixed seed of the various types \$1.50 per pkt.

L. PRINCEPS*

3 for \$1.75; 6 for \$3.25; 12 for \$6.25. Very large bulbs \$1.25 each. A dependable white trumpet of mixed bloods. July; 6'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. PRINCEPS G. C. CREELMAN*

Small bulbs \$1.75 each; very large bulbs \$4.00. A selected seedling of the above, with great crowns of heavily textured, glistening flowers. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

L. REGALE HYBRIDS*

Flowering size 3 for \$1.00; 6 for \$1.50; 12 for \$2.50. Large bulbs 3 for \$2.50; 6 for \$4.50; 12 for \$8.50. Very large bulbs \$1.10 each. This is the familiar large white trumpet of midsummer. June-July; 7'. *Seed \$.50 per pkt.*

L. RUBELLUM

1 for \$2.00; 3 for \$5.75; 6 for \$11.25; 12 for \$22.00. A fragrant pink semi-trumpet from Japan. June; 2'.

L. SARGENTIAE HYBRIDS*

Each \$2.00. A stylish white trumpet. July; 5-6'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. SHELBURNE HYBRID TRUMPETS*

3 for \$2.75; 6 for \$5.25; 12 for \$10.25. Very large bulbs \$1.25 each. An attractive white trumpet of mixed bloods. July; 5'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. SHELBURNE HYBRID PINK TRUMPETS*

Each \$5.00. One of the handsomest of the pink trumpet selections — resists fading in the sun. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

L. SPECIOSUM

The sharply reflexed, heavily marked, exotic looking lily from Japan, with varieties from pure white to pink to dark red.

Album Each \$2.00. Ours is a special clone developed in California and found to be of outstanding quality. Aug.-Sept.; 3'.

Rubrum 3 for \$2.95; 6 for \$5.75; 12 for \$11.00. Pinks and reds of many blood-lines. Aug.; 4'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

(See also Alida Livingston's L. SPECIOSUM RUBRUM.)

L. SUTTON COURT*

Flowering size bulbs 1 for \$1.75; 3 for \$5.00; 6 for \$9.75; 12 for \$19.25. Large bulbs \$2.75 each. A beautiful sister seedling of L. MRS. R. O. BACKHOUSE. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

Our Lily Specialties

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE INTRODUCTIONS

TETRAPLOID LONGIFLORUMS

(See Page 1 for description)

Each \$5.00. *Seed \$1.50 per pkt.*

MAXIMOWICZII HYBRIDS*

Each \$.85. These are a distinct improvement on L. MAXIMOWICZII WADII. The flowers are larger, ranging from a light orange red to brilliant red and the blooming period is from July to late Aug.; 3-7'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

The following are the offspring of L. BRENDA WATTS by a yellow L. UMBELLATUM; reflexed and upward and outward facing.

L. BRANDYWINE*

Each \$1.50. Light, yellowish orange. June; 2-3'. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

L. CAVALIER*

Each \$1.50. Flowers more yellowish. June; 2½-3½'. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

L. MEGA*

\$2.00 each. Canary yellow flowers with reddish reverse of petals. July; 2-3'. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

L. MOUTAINEER*

3 for \$2.75; 6 for \$5.25; 12 for \$10.25. Brilliant red, vivid in its appeal. July; 3'. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

Our Lily Specialties

CENTIFOLIUM HYBRIDS*

We offer a special selection of these fragrant, attractive trumpets. July; 6'.

STRAWBERRY HILL STRAIN

A clean cut lily of standard quality; white with yellow throat, colored reverse of petals. 3 for \$1.80; 6 for \$3.35; 12 for \$6.45. Large bulbs \$1.00 each. *Seed \$.50 per pkt.*

TEMPLE STRAIN

New introductions by the Oregon specialist, John Shaver, who has obtained outstanding color breaks by careful breeding and selection. They promise to be an important addition to the lily garden.

Amethyst Temple Pink to light red. Large bulbs 8-9", 1 for \$4.00; 3 for \$11.50; 6 for \$22.50. 12 for \$44.00.

Jade Temple Pale greens. Large bulbs 8-9", 1 for \$2.95; 3 for \$8.50; 6 for \$16.50; 12 for \$32.00.

Marble Temple Many tints from white to opalescent. Large bulbs 8-9", 1 for \$1.00; 3 for \$2.75; 6 for \$5.25; 12 for \$10.00.

Sun Temple Various shades of yellow. Flowering size bulbs. 1 for \$3.25; 3 for \$9.50; 6 for \$18.50; 12 for \$36.00.

L. T. A. HAVEMEYER*

Small bulbs \$2.50; large bulbs \$5.00 each. A flaring, persimmon yellow flower. Aug.; 3½'.

L. TENUIFOLIUM

3 for \$1.75; 6 for \$3.25; 12 for \$6.25. A charming little red turkscap. June; 18"-2'. *Seed \$.50 per pkt.*

L. TESTACEUM STRAWBERRY HILL SPECIAL SELECT*

Large bulbs \$2.50 each. Reflexed flowers of apricot tinted white. Our TESTACEUM have received some of the highest awards

in floriculture. June-July; 4'. Plant some distance from other lilies.

L. THUNBERGIANUM ORANGE KING*

3 for \$2.50; 6 for \$4.75; 12 for \$9.00. Cupshaped orange lily; extremely vigorous and showy. June-July; 2½'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

Our Lily Specialties

DR. SKINNER'S INTRODUCTIONS

This noted Canadian hybridist's lilies are world famous.

L. AMARYLLIS*

Small bulbs \$1.50 each. Large bulbs \$3.15 each. Flaring, pale red amaryllis colored flowers. July; 2½'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. AZALEA*

3 for \$2.75; 6 for \$5.25; 12 for \$10.25. An angular, azalea-pink, cupshaped, attractive lily. July; 2½'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. GLOW*

3 for \$2.00; 6 for \$3.75; 12 for \$7.25. A rosy, upward facing little lily of strong constitution. June-July; 2½'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. LEMON LADY*

Small bulbs \$1.50 each. Large bulbs \$3.75 each. An unusually beautiful yellow turkscap. June-July; 3'. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

L. MARGARET JOHNSON*

1 for \$1.10; 3 for \$3.00; 6 for \$5.75; 12 for \$11.25. A gay salmon colored lily with heavily marked reflexed blooms. July; 4'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. MARTAGON x HANSONII HYBRIDS*

Small bulbs \$1.10 each; large bulbs \$2.50 each. The tight little turkscap flowers vary from lavender to reddish yellow. June; 4'. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

L. SCOTTIAE

Each \$1.50. Named in honor of his mother by Dr. Skinner, it is a brilliant, orange reflexed lily of great vigor and substance. June; 2½'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. TIGRINUM FORTUNEI and SPLENDENS

3 for \$1.50; 6 for \$2.75; 12 for \$5.25. Two varieties of our old friend, the tiger lily, a salmon-red turkscap, the first slightly smaller than the second. Aug.; 5'. Plant some distance from other lilies.

L. TSINGTAUENSE

1 for \$1.15; 3 for \$3.20; 6 for \$6.25; 12 for \$12.00. A glistening, orange red cup-shaped flower, with angular petals, and glistening, deep green foliage. July; 3'. Seed \$.75 per pkt.

L. UMBELLATUM

A thrifty, upward facing, cupshaped lily of many colors, a garden standby. June-July; 3'.

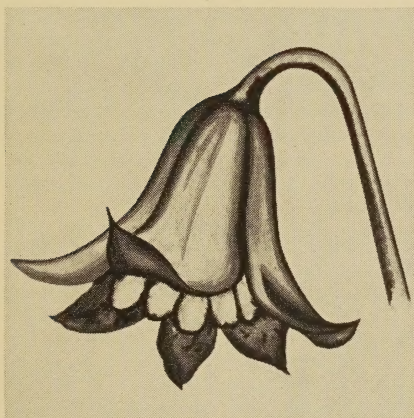
Umbellatum x Davidii Hybrids* Each \$1.50. Red flowers upward and outward facing; a pleasing novelty. Seed \$.75 per pkt.

Umbellatum x Davidii x Tigrinum Hybrids* Per dozen \$5.00. All colors, from buffy orange to red; flowers pendant or outward facing. Excellent for cutting. Seed \$.50 per pkt.

Umbellatum Erectum 3 for \$2.25; 6 for \$4.00; 12 for \$7.50. Brilliant red. Seed \$.50 per pkt.

Umbellatum Variegated* 3 for \$2.25; 6 for \$4.00; 12 for \$7.50. Mixed colors. Seed \$.50 per pkt.

American Species



L. BOLANDERI, from a painting of this beautiful western species by the noted American botanist, Laurence Beane of Fresno, Calif.

L. BELLINGHAM HYBRIDS*

3 for \$2.50; 6 for \$4.80; 12 for \$9.40. These crosses of several western species are vigorous, reflexed lilies of various combinations of yellow, orange and red. July; 7'. Seed \$.50 per pkt.

Frances Larrabee Cadmium yellow, dark red spots.

Shuksan Yellow with oxblood spots. The named varieties are 3 for \$3.50; 6 for \$6.50; 12 for \$12.50.

BELLINGHAM HYBRIDS 4529*

Each \$1.00. This variant was recently introduced by Oregon State Agricultural

College, has much smaller maculation, and the colors are softer and more blended. Seed \$.75 per pkt.

L. BOLANDERI

Each \$4.75. A native of the Siskiyou on the Cal.-Oregon boundary; bell shaped red flowers; July; 3'. Seed \$1.75 per pkt.

L. CANADENSE FLAVUM

3 for \$2.25; 6 for \$4.25; 12 for \$8.25. Large bulbs \$1.75 each. Our pretty eastern yellow Meadow Lily. June-July; 4'. Seed \$.75 per pkt.

L. COLUMBIANUM

1 for \$1.75; 3 for \$5.00; 6 for \$9.75; 12 for \$19.25. A delightful western lily, with tiny turkscap flowers of glistening yellow. July; 5'.

L. GRAYI

Four year old bulbs \$1.00 each. Large bulbs \$1.75 each. One of the daintiest of the eastern species, bell shaped, blood red flowers. June; 3'.

L. HARRISIANUM

3 for \$1.50; 6 for \$2.75; 12 for \$5.00. A heavily spotted, brilliant red and yellow reflexed lily once identified as *L. PARDALINUM GIGANTEUM* and believed to be a natural hybrid, but now reclassified as a species by the distinguished Pacific Coast taxonomist, Lawrence Beane, and renamed. July; 6'. Seed \$.50 per pkt.

L. HUMBOLDTII

Large bulbs \$3.75 each. This denizen of the Pacific Coastal Range bears many reflexed flowers of glistening orange, heavily spotted. June-July; 6'.

L. KELLEYANUM

Each \$6.50. An exquisite yellow, flared and partially reflexed inhabitant of the Sierra Nevadas of California. July; 3'. Seed \$1.75 per pkt.

L. KELLEYANUM x PARVUM HYBRIDS*

Each \$7.50. These rare natural hybrids of the Mono Lake basin in California vary in shape from flared to campanule, in various combinations of yellow and red. Seed \$2.50 per pkt.

L. KELLOGGII

Each \$4.75. A western reflexed lily of white and purple, becoming rare. June; 2½'. Seed \$1.75 per pkt.

L. MICHIGANENSE

3 for \$2.75; 6 for \$5.00; 12 for \$9.00. Very large bulbs \$1.75 each. A handsome turkscape of flushed red, orange and yellow in blend. July; 7'. Seed \$.75 per pkt.

L. OCCIDENTALE

Each \$4.75. A crimson and orange turkscape of the California marshes and bogs. July; 3'. Seed \$1.25 per pkt.

L. PARRYI

1 for \$2.75; 3 for \$8.00; 6 for \$15.50; 12 for \$30.00. An aristocrat among the western American species, with pure Chinese yellow, fragrant, semi-trumpet flowers. June; 2½'.

L. PHILADELPHICUM

3 for \$2.25; 6 for \$4.25; 12 for \$8.25. A heavily spotted, red, upright cupshaped specimen, best naturalized in a dry, sandy, acid soil amidst native grasses. Broadcast a pinch of seed every year. July; 2'. Seed \$.75 per pkt.

L. ROEZLII

Each \$2.50. A yellow turkscape with some red in it. June-July; 2-3'.

L. RUBESCENS

Each \$5.00. A white, tinged with lavender trumpet that turns lilac as it matures. July; 3'.

L. SUPERBUM

3 for \$2.25; 6 for \$4.25; 12 for \$8.25. Very large bulbs \$1.75 each. A red and yellow turkscape of the northeast. July; 8'. Seed \$.75 per pkt.

L. VOLLMERI

Each \$2.25. Like L. ROEZLII but with predominantly red coloring.

L. WASHINGTONIANUM PURPURESCENS

Large bulbs \$5.00 each. An enchanting Californian-Oregonian, white semi-trum-

pet, turning lilac to lavender after opening. June-July; 3'.

Note

We would draw our customers' attention to the fact that unless they specify otherwise when ordering lily bulbs, we will substitute a variety of greater price where we are unable for any reason to supply the specific item requested; or if we are unable to supply the larger sizes of a desired variety, we will send two or more smaller bulbs for the same price.

CANADIAN CUSTOMERS: We facilitate you on all import matters as soon as we receive your order.

All lily bulbs are sent postpaid, but in view of high packaging and postal costs, on all orders under \$2.50 remittance should include an additional 50¢ to cover handling. Where transportation is west of the Mississippi, 50¢ should be added to help defray postal charges.

An ideal and inexpensive way to grow lilies is from seed. It results in vigorous stock, and in the case of hybrids (marked * in the lists above) you may get something new and perhaps valuable. Our seed is hand pollinated. Minimum orders for seed alone are \$2.50. With each shipment of seed comes a leaflet prepared by the North American Lily Society telling how to grow them. — Which leads us to urge our customers to become members of the N.A.L.S. The Society's Year Book, newsletters, round robins and seed exchange are extremely valuable. We will be glad to send you an application blank and sponsor your membership.

We offer the following valuable works on lilies:

By three of America's leading specialists — Dr. George L. Slate's "Lilies for American Gardens," \$5.00; Jan de Graaff's "The New Book of Lilies," \$3.50; Edgar L. Kline's "Reference Chart of Lilies for Garden and Greenhouse," \$1.00.

By international authorities — L. Tuffery's "Lilies are Easy," \$1.00; Woodcock & Stearn's "Lilies of the World," \$8.25; Alice C. Maxwell's "Lilies in Their Homes," \$3.50.

Our Lilac List



Arnold Arboretum

ISABELLA, one of the finest of the late varieties, a *Syringa prestoniae*.

Few of the named plant varieties in our gardens have more consistently maintained their high place after their introduction than lilacs. The newer lilacs with their ever-widening range of colorings and form, their massive pannicles of flowers and varying foliage, their extended blooming period—from late April to the middle of June or later—have all but transformed the species.

Yet the lilac remains a shrub of comparatively easy culture and fits well into any kind of planting scheme, from the modest backdoor garden to the carefully planned lilac walk. With moderate care a bush will last a generation or more, increasing in beauty every season and always accenting the return of spring.

A word about own-rooted lilacs. Our lilacs are on their own roots and have never been on anything else. Over the years we have become ever more firmly convinced of the greater superiority of the own-rooted lilac over grafted or budded stock. An own-rooted lilac propagated from a cutting may only be nine inches in height after the second season following its propagation. It's a time-consuming, tedious and costly business to grow lilacs that way. But it produces bushes with heavy root systems—bushes which soon overtake in size any grafted

or budded stock. As for the future prospects of health and thriftiness, of long survival and increasing floriferousness of own-rooted lilacs, there is no doubt.

Lilacs can be planted both in the spring and autumn, although we recommend autumn planting. Lilacs will not thrive in heavy shade or under large trees or too close to a building from which they receive the reflecting glare of the summer sun or wash of rain or snow from the roof. But they want a site in the full sun, in well-prepared, well-drained fertile soil which is neutral or on the alkaline side. Bushes should be planted at least six feet apart and about two inches deeper than they were in the nursery. They should be well-watered, and watering should continue during the first year after planting.

The gardener who wants his newly planted lilac to bloom the same season is doing himself and it an injustice. Give it an opportunity to grow on to that point in perfection when it is at its thriftiest and most beautiful. As a matter of fact, you simply cannot hurry a lilac, save that you feed and care for it so that it can do well for itself. Actually, most lilacs do not achieve their finest bloom until they are at least 10 years old, not that they may not flower satisfactorily long before that. To speed the process of "putting on years" on our lilacs so that they will more quickly reach their best stage, we prune vigorously even at the cost of size. Thus our 2-3' and 3-4' bushes are between three and five years old, and our customers of such sizes have a shorter time to wait before they see their lilacs at their best.—But if you are interested in complete cultural directions for lilacs and in the where and why about them, write us and we will be glad to send you further informative literature on the subject.

Lilacs have interesting historical associations. In many cases, the names of varieties, particularly the French hybrids, are those of great personages of our time. Moreover, the men who bred these lilacs were frequently world-renowned horticulturalists, such as the Lemoines of France, who in three-quarters of a century have introduced over 200 varieties, 75 of which are still considered among the best in distribution. In the listings below something of the history of each variety, as well as a description, is given. It should add to the interest you will have in the lilacs you plant in your garden and increase their charm.

French Hybrids and Others

12-18" 18-24" 2-3' 3-4' 4-5'

BLEUATRE A single blue of fresh coloring. The bush is a moderately strong grower, having good shape. It was introduced before 1897 by the Baltet Nursery of Troyes, France, which was founded in 1720.

\$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.25

CAPITAINE BALTET One of the most attractive of the single purple and reddish-pink varieties, having large flower panicles. Slow growing but making a strong bush. It was introduced by Lemoine in 1919 to honor Captain Lucien Baltet, son of Charles Baltet of the Baltet Nursery, who was killed in World War I.

\$4.25

CHARLES JOLY A double purple which you will have to cozen to get the best out of it, since it is rather a slow grower, but it makes a handsome and floriferous bush in time. A Lemoine introduction of 1896.

\$3.00 \$4.00

CONDORCET Deep reddish-purple double flowers in handsome, graceful thyrses. A slow grower and not a very large bush but compact and thrifty. It is now sixty years since it was introduced by Lemoine and commemorates Marie Jean Antoine Nicolas Caritat de Condorcet, that noted figure of the French Revolution.

\$4.00

CONGO A single reddish purple. The bush grows rather slowly and is stocky. A Lemoine introduction of 1888, it consistently holds its place among the best in its classification, and its picturesque name is also a part of its attraction.

\$3.00 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00

DECAISNE There are not too many good blues among lilacs. This is one of the finest singles in this color and is a prolific bloomer. A Lemoine introduction of 1910. Joseph Decaisne was a 19th Century Belgian botanist, among whose many horticultural accomplishments is the one that he classified and named our American redwood, the Big Trees, *Sequoia gigantea*.

\$4.25 ... \$4.50 ... \$4.75 ... \$5.00

ELLEN WILLMOTT This vigorous-growing bush holds its premier place among the double whites, with its creamy buds and graceful thyrses. Lemoine added to its distinction when on introducing it in

12-18" 18-24" 2-3' 3-4' 4-5'

1903 he named it for a great English horticulturalist and writer of garden books.

\$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$3.75

GEORGES BELLAIR One of the truly satisfying double wine-reds, maturing quickly, flowering freely and making a large, handsome bush. A Lemoine introduction of 1900, honoring a one-time director of the Park of Versailles of France.

\$3.25 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.00

HUGO KOSTER An attractive single, having a lilac-colored floret, and its thrifty habits of growth make this variety desirable in any representative planting. Introduced in 1914, the name is that of a member of the Koster family in whose nursery, in the great horticultural center of Boskoop, Holland, it was developed.

\$3.75 ... \$4.25 ... \$4.75

JULES FERRY A double, it was best described by one of America's leading lilac experts as having "long, large clusters of silvery mauve florets with rose-red buds." A 1907 Lemoine introduction, it is dependable and vigorous. It was named after a rather controversial 19th Century premier of France.

\$3.50 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.25

KATHERINE HAVEMEYER A double, pink to opalescent in color. A rich and handsome lilac which takes its time to mature and achieve medium height, but it is a staunch and consistent bloomer. It was named by the Lemoines to honor the wife of T. A. Havemeyer, noted American horticulturalist and lilac hybridizer, who first grew and tested many of the newer Lemoine lilacs in the United States.

\$5.00 ... \$5.75

LAMARTINE A single of delicate lavender. Its earlier blooming and rapid growth characteristics arise from the fact that it is a hybrid of the species *lilac oblata girdali* by *Syringa vulgaris*. Its name commemorates Alphonse Marie Louis Lamartine, a poet-immortal of France, and it was introduced by Lemoine in 1911.

\$3.25 ... \$3.50

LUCIE BALTET The first among the true pinks in lilacs, a single that blooms early in life and asks for little pampering. Any one who loves lilacs will find the

12-18" 18-24" 2-3' 3-4' 4-5'

soft, silver-pink pannicles of this outstanding variety of great appeal. It is seventy years since the Baltets introduced it and named it after a daughter of the family.

\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.00

LUDWIG SPAETH A burgundy colored single which found its way from the Ludwig Spaeth Nursery of Berlin seventy-five years ago and today still tops the list in its classification. You will have to wait patiently until it reaches its best blooming period, but in the end you will be rewarded by its beauty.

\$3.75 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50 ... \$5.00

MME. ANTOINE BUCHNER Soft rose-lavender double florets on foot-long trusses give this tall-growing bush unusual distinction. It was introduced by Lemoine in 1909 to honor the wife of a noted German horticulturalist.

\$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00

MME. CASIMIR PERIER One of the best double whites, not too tall, and a bush which can be nicely shaped with a little pruning. An 1894 Lemoine introduction, it honored the widow of a president of France.

\$3.00 ... \$3.50 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.25

MME. FRANCISQUE MOREL The large single florets of lavender-pink of this variety set off the tall bush. Named after the wife of its originator, a landscape architect of Lyons, France, and introduced in 1892.

\$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.00

MME. LEMOINE Another of the double whites of highest quality, with double-tipped snowy thyrses. A Lemoine introduction of 1890, it is named for the wife of Victor Lemoine of the Lemoine nursery.

\$4.25 ... \$4.50 ... \$4.75

MONT BLANC As white as the summit of the famous mountain after which it was named in 1915 by Lemoine are the trusses of large single florets of this strong-growing and impressive lilac.

\$3.50 ... \$4.00 \$5.00

MRS. EDWARD HARDING Double, claret-colored and pink-stained florets in large clusters that last well. The bush is tall and strong-growing. Introduced in 1922 by Lemoine and named for a gifted American amateur gardener-horticulturalist, author of the book, "Lilacs in My Garden."

\$3.25 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.25

12-18" 18-24" 2-3' 3-4' 4-5'

OLIVIER DE SERRES The buds of this outstanding double variety have a heliotrope cast which on opening turns blue and lavenderish. The flower heads are large and heavy and numerous but are well sustained by the tall and strong-growing bush. Lemoine introduction, 1909; honoring an outstanding French agronomist.

\$3.75 ... \$4.25

PRES. FALLIERES Pink, blending into white-mauve at the center are the colors which give this lilac its appeal. The bush is slender and tall. Named after a president of France; introduced by Lemoine in 1911.

\$3.75 \$4.50 ... \$4.75

PRES. GREVY One of the earliest and heaviest bloomers of the French hybrids, it has large, compact thyrses of double blue flowers. Lemoine, 1886; the name commemorates a president of France.

\$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00

PRES. LINCOLN This most vigorous of lilacs, having cool silver-blue, medium sized single florets and thyrses, has achieved well-merited popularity since it was introduced in 1916 by the American horticulturalist John Dunbar, at Highland Park, Rochester, N. Y.

\$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00

REAUMUR A single, with purplish-red florets that also have violet tints. The bush is tall and strong. A Lemoine introduction of 1904. René Antoine Ferchault de Reaumur was a noted 18th Century physicist of France.

\$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50

SYRINGA PERSICA Very pale pink single florets in open sprays on slender spreading stems—this is the Persian lilac which is native from Persia to China and was introduced to the west in 1640.

\$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.50

VESTALE A single white, having perfectly proportioned florets; a bush which is strong and has clean lines. It was appropriately named after the vestal virgins of antiquity by Lemoine in 1910.

\$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.00

VICTOR LEMOINE A pink and blue double of outstanding appearance. A 1906 introduction of Lemoine, honoring that member of the family who launched their memorable work on lilac hybridizing.

\$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00

Early Varieties

The three varieties listed below, with their names reminiscent of colonial America, are early blooming hybrids of the species lilac *oblata dilatata* by *S. vulgaris*. They were bred and introduced in 1935 by Dr. F. L. Skinner, a leading Canadian hybridist and nurseryman. They take extreme cold, make large, well-proportioned bushes which flower profusely. The foliage is handsome and the flowers not unlike the French hybrids although growing in looser clusters.

<u>12-18"</u>	<u>18-24"</u>	<u>2-3'</u>	<u>3-4'</u>	<u>4-5'</u>
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EVANGELINE Double lavender
\$3.50 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50

NOKOMIS Single light lavender
\$3.50 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50

POCAHONTAS Single deep purple
\$4.50

Late Varieties

The varieties listed under this heading are species or species hybrids, with single florets like tiny tubular trumpets and foliage unlike that which we usually associate with lilacs. The leaves are bright green, heavily veined and crinkled. The colorings of the florets are soft and subtle and pastel-like. Because they bloom well into June, after the French hybrids are gone, they agreeably extend the lilac season. The bushes are thickly branched and fast and tall-growing and are easily kept to well proportioned shape. They are thus ideally suited for hedges, looking very attractive even in winter, but also make extremely handsome specimen plants.

<u>12-18"</u>	<u>18-24"</u>	<u>2-3'</u>	<u>3-4'</u>	<u>4-5'</u>
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FLOREAL Single, faint lavender. A cross between *Syringa Henryi* and *Syringa Sweginzowii*. Lemoine, 1925.

\$5.50

ISABELLA Single, pink. Originated in 1927 by Miss Isabella Preston, a leading Canadian hybridist, it is a member of a new race of lilacs created by her and known as *Syringa prestoniae*, crosses of *Syringa villosa* by *Syringa reflexa*.

\$4.50 ... \$5.00

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LUTECE Single, pink. This is a type of *Syringa Henryi* originated by Prof. Louis Henry of the Museum of Natural History of Paris and introduced in 1910.

\$3.00 ... \$3.75

ROYALTY Single, deep purple. A *S. josiflexa*, particularly desirable for the richness of its coloring. (See Page 3.)

\$4.00 ... \$4.50 ... \$4.75 ... \$5.00

SYRINGA VILLOSA Single, rose to pink to white. This species is a native of China and was introduced to the west comparatively late in the 19th Century.

\$3.00 ... \$3.50

Note

Unless a customer specifies otherwise we will substitute a nearly similar lilac where we are for any reason unable to supply the variety ordered.

If the substituted variety is higher in price, no extra charge will be made. If it is lower in price, the necessary refund will be made.

Plants are shipped express collect in sizes above 18", otherwise parcel post prepaid.

We have a few extra fine specimens 5' and taller. Varieties and prices on application.

We recommend the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboretums' Lilac Survey, "Lilacs for America," as the best reference manual. It can be obtained from us for \$1.00.



Peonies of Quality

For an initial offering of Peonies of Quality, each labelled with its name as indicated on Page 3, we have selected the following 20 varieties well-known to peony connoisseurs. These are priced at \$2.00 per division postpaid.

ALBERT CROUSSE Delicate light pink

FONTANELLE Dark red

FRANCES WILLARD Soft white

GEORGIANA SHAYLOR Large white

GOLDEN DAWN Soft creamy yellow

INSPECTOR LAVERGNE Crimson

KARL ROSENFELD Large, brilliant red

LA FRANCE Light pink

LA LORRAINE Pastel pink

LA PERLE Pink to creamy white

LA TULIPE Flesh pink

LE CYGNE Very large white

MIKADO

Deep crimson, Japanese type single

MME. DE VERNEVILLE Pearl white

MONS. JULES ELIE Bright pink

REINE HORTENSE Pink

RICHARD CARVEL Bright red

SARAH BERNHARDT

Very large, blush pink

SOUVENIR DE LOUIS BIGOT

Rose to pink

SURUGU Red, Japanese type

Note

Since the available quantity of the various peonies listed above is not

uniform, unless a customer specifies otherwise, we will substitute another named variety of similar color and form, if we are already sold out of the variety ordered.

Special Peony Offer

The Special Peony Offer comprises plants in units of 6, 12, 18 and 24, some of the old favorites and many of the most valuable varieties yet introduced. Each unit will include early and late varieties, various colors, singles and doubles and only one

of a kind, but they are unlabelled.

Prices are: 6 plants for \$5.00; 12 for \$9.50; 18 for \$13.00; 24 for \$15.00 postpaid. Add 75¢ on 6 to 12 plants and \$1.00 on 18 to 24 plants to your remittance for shipments west of the Mississippi.



Have you ever tried doing this?

§ It is a pity to buy an expensive bulb of a very fine lily variety which needs special care and then more or less let it fend for itself in your garden. That's the best way to lose it.

Have you ever tried this with the more costly and finnickily lilies. . . ? Pot them one to a 6 to 12" clay pot in a mixture of equal parts of extremely coarse sand and crumbly leafmold, the mixture having been baked in your kitchen oven at 350° or so for an hour or more. Cover the pot with a strip of ¾" hardware cloth and sink the pot in the ground flush with the rim. Feed every two weeks with 1 tablespoonful of fish emulsion in 1 gallon of water. Repot every two to three years.

§ Imagine that you have inherited one, two, three or more lilac bushes with the place you have just bought. (This happens so often that it requires no very great powers of imagination.) They are probably *Syringa vulgaris*, the common lilac, a lovely variety, but have been so neglected that they are more worry than pleasure even if they carry some

bloom each year. They are most likely too tall, there is too much wood of doubtful value in them, and they have been allowed to make a wilderness of suckers.

Have you ever tried doing this with such a lilac bush if it is *S. vulgaris* or you are certain that it is on its own roots . . . ? Cut it down level with the ground in June, saving only five of the best suckers reasonably close to the center of the bush. Do not allow any other suckers to develop for the next three or four years and top the suckers you have saved when they are 5' tall. Scratch into the soil a few handfuls of lime. Feed the bush every spring with a liberal amount of organic fertilizer and each autumn with bone meal. You will have to wait some years before you get bloom on such a resurrected bush, but a resurrected bush it will indeed be—giving every evidence of youthful vigour and lending itself to the kind of judicious pruning which will keep it at manageable height, pleasant shape and optimum flowering.

Strawberry Hill Warranty

We guarantee that our nursery stock will reach you in perfect condition, freshly dug, true to name and of excellent quality. If for any reason you are dissatisfied with it, you are authorized to return it to us at our expense immediately on arrival. Your money will be refunded or new stock sent you, as you choose.